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Tetsuya YAMASHITA et al.
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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-6232 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a sliding panel in the front.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure for an air conditioner having both an air inlet and outlet in the front face.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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		Country Code ² - Number ³ - Kind Code ⁴ (if known)					
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		JP-4-20923-U		02/21/1992	ISHIZUKA		No
		JP-7-12821-U		01/17/1995	SHIGENARI		Yes
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